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SUBJECT: CHINESE CURIOSITY ABOUT WATERGATE

1. PRC OFFICIALS SHOWING INTEREST IN WATERGATE CASE TO AMERICANS IN PEKING. TANG LUNG- PIN, DIRECTOR MFA PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS, ASKED PLATT ABOUT CASE IN CASUAL ASIDE DURING COURTESY CALL MAY 5. PLATT REPLIED MATTER VERY COMPLICATED AND DROPPED SUBJECT.

2. MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE VOICED CURIOSITY MUCH MORE DIRECTLY TO VISITING NEWSMEN. NBC CONSULTANT STANLEY KARNOW AND TIME CORRESPONDENT JERROLD SCHECHTER TOLD USLO OFFICERS THEY HAD BEEN CLOSELY QUESTIONED BY OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING THEM. WHEN THEY SHOWED CHINESE OLD AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE DESCRIBING PERSONALITIES IN CASE, CHINESE ASKED IF THEY COULD HAVE IT AND KEPT ARTICLE WHEN GIVEN THEM. NEWSMEN ALSO LEARNED CHINESE BUYING ALL AVAILABLE FILM CLIPS ON CASE FROM WESTERN MEDIA.

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